

# The Lamplighter

Priscilla Browning, VSC President

Today as I write my article it is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the most Holy week on the Christian Calendar. Today is the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of an unriden colt greeted by well-wishers, waving palms and shouting Hosanna, by the end of the week all well-wishers had their praises to anger and distrust and on Friday was taken to Golgotha and crucified.

What a great Spring meeting we had and the celebration of Beta Kappa's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, thank you ladies for inviting us and allowing us to celebrate with you.

I keep hoping Spring is here, but for some unknown reason Mother Nature wants to play with us by tempting us with warm weather one day and then the next two days cold temperatures, I changed to my Spring weight coat and within two days had to go back to my Winter coat.

I hope you all are planning on joining us for the State Convention at the Hotel Madison in Harrisonburg, VA May 17-19, 2024 and welcoming our IC Rep Brenda Campbell and SERC Rep Kelli Thornburg. Are you planning or thinking about attending IC Convention July 7-14, 2024 in Overland Park, KS, please let Marie know.



**2024 Virginia State Council Convention**  
**"Celebrating Virginia"**  
**May 17—19, 2024**  
**Hotel Madison**  
**710 South Main Street**  
**Harrisonburg, VA 22801**

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## Executive Board Articles

### *Marie LaDuke, VSC 1st Vice President*

As the current year is beginning to wind down, we are getting ready for our State Convention. The Richmond Area chapters are working hard planning a fun-filled weekend for you. I hope you have registered and made your hotel reservations as we head to the beautiful Hotel Madison in Harrisonburg. The facility worked out very well for us last year and they are accommodating us nicely again this year. Please plan

to attend and celebrate our 2023-2024 year.

As I stated at the Spring Meeting, both boards of officers have been filled thanks to everyone's willingness to serve for the coming year. I know it will be a good one.

See you in May!

### *Beverley M. Wright, Jr. Past President, Disaster Fund Chair*

Happy almost Spring everyone!

Update on ESA Disaster Fund donations ... I am so happy to report that I have received donations from 15 of 16 Virginia chapters plus a donation from the VSC PPA. The totals will be shared at the VSC Spring Council meeting (I have to have something to report – right?). There has been so much devastation across the country (especially in California) due to the weather that I can imagine there will be a lot of submissions for assistance this year. It's nice to know that we are doing our part to help an ESA member during their time of trouble.

I know that Beta Kappa is looking into possible locations for the 2025 VSC Convention so we have that to look forward to. Delta Rho and Delta Sigma have extended a courtesy bid for the 2026 VSC Convention. As we look to the future insofar as locations for our Conventions, remember that you don't have to lock yourself into a location close to home if the cost is too high and you are willing to travel a bit. Also, working with a hotel when they have a slow/off season period can result in some very reasonable rates.

I have started accumulating a few things for a Presidents' Workshop at Convention. I will make sure the incoming presidents get this information either at the workshop or during registration if we do not have one.

Remember ... one chapter or individual will win \$100 at convention... you can increase your chances by making an additional donation between now and May.

SOOO looking forward to seeing lots of you in Richmond next month. I was unable to go to Savannah to SERC (which I really missed) due to family commitments with Amanda so this is going to be a time of some real catching up with my ESA sisters.

Finally, a BIG Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Beta Sigma! Love you ladies! You have become a big part of my life and I celebrate everything you have done for your community and ESA over the past 50 years.

*Katrina Saunders, Recording Secretary*

As I finish up my duties as Recording Secretary; I find myself reflecting on my memories and experiences as a member of the VSC Executive Board. I have had the great pleasure to serve under several VSC Presidents as Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary (3 times!) and Parliamentarian. Each experience has been a good one and has taught me much about ESA and the Virginia State Council. I am looking forward to more years on the board as I follow in Marie's footsteps and learn valuable leadership lessons from her.

I must admit that when I returned to Virginia from Florida and rejoined my Delta Sigma Chapter, serving on the state board was not on my mind. However, there was a moving ceremony honoring our past PPAs at a convention in Fredericksburg (I believe) that changed my mind. I realized that in order for ESA and VSC to continue, I would need to do my part to help us continue our legacy of good works. This realization along with a little prodding from Carol Campbell at a Leadership meeting convinced me to raise my hand and volunteer my time to serve the VSC as an executive board member.

I am sure there are other VSC members like me who have contemplated serving on the board but have not for a variety of important and good reasons. As a working professional with a house to keep up with, a daughter close by and a husband in Florida, I recognize how busy everyone is with our day to day activities and lives.

It is my hope for you and for our Virginia State Council that you will take the step and make the commitment to serve VSC at the state level. Please give me a call or drop me an email. I would love to talk with you about my experiences and give you the encouragement you might be waiting for to begin your leadership journey.



*Stephanie Hess, Treasurer*

**REMINDER:** April 1st is the due date for second half chapter dues.



### *Shelby Hodges, Chaplain*

On this beautiful morning, with a chill in the air, Happy Easter Holidays to each of you.

It was so good seeing many of you in Richmond recently. I truly pray for a good attendance for the upcoming VA State Convention when we are able to see and enjoy our sisters.

Prayers also continue for Dot Brown, former VSC State President, who had pacemaker installed after some "not so comfortable" days. Prayers continue for all our sisters and their families in our "ups and downs" faced daily.

A few interesting facts I've read about Easter -

**EASTER**, principal festival of the Christian church, which celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his Crucifixion. The earliest recorded observation of an Easter celebration comes from the 2nd century though the commemoration of Jesus' Resurrection. In the 20th century several attempts were made to arrive at a fixed date for Easter, with the Sunday following the second Saturday in April specifically proposed.

I do not believe a formal date has ever been agreed upon. Easter, like Christmas, has accumulated a great many traditions, some of which have little to do with the Christian celebration of the Resurrection but derive from folk customs. The custom of the Easter Lamb appropriates both the appellation used for Jesus in the Scriptures and the lamb's role as a sacrificial animal in ancient Israel. The use of painted and decorated Easter eggs was first recorded in the 13th century. The church prohibited the eating of eggs during Holy Week

but chickens continued to lay eggs during that week, and the notion of specially identifying those as "Holy Week" eggs brought about their decoration.

The Easter Rabbit is said to lay eggs as well as decorate and hide them. In the US the Easter rabbit leaves children baskets with toys and candies on Easter morning.

Not a lot, but just a small explanation of Easter. You know I've always heard you must have a new Easter outfit or at least an Easter bonnet so I guess, until recently, I went along with that and got Easter outfits for myself as well as Gil & Ginger. I can remember one year when Ginger was still in grade school, she came home and asked me if it was o.k. to get new clothes for Easter - as I looked at her in amazement I prayed God help me with this one and replied "Yes honey its just fine to get new clothes for Easter as it represents a new beginning" Now that may not work for all of you, but it did for her and at that moment, it was just the answer I needed.

God Bless each of you and your families and this very special time of the year.

***"Be kind and loving to each other, and forgive each other just as God forgave you in Christ" Ephesians 4:32***

***Pam Cook, Educational Director***

Your Educational Director, Pam, here; it is not too late to get those Educational Reports to me for the Barbara Midkiff Educational Award by April 15. You can mail them to me; my mailbox is waiting. My address is 2350 New Market Rd Henrico VA 23231. But why wait for our friends at the Post Office; I will be happy to get those reports in my inbox and [gogopam1@msn.com](mailto:gogopam1@msn.com).

We all take our education seriously and I look forward to hearing what you learned about. I have loved seeing how you have been enlightened, stronger and learning new things.

Hope to hear more; see you in May.

***ESA for St. Jude, Susan Caldwell***

CORRECTION TO INFORMATION GIVEN AT VSC  
SPRING MEETING  
St Jude Walk/Run Virtual Event September 28,  
2024

See you at Convention!



***Association of the Arts, Theresa Morris***

I am excited to be helping with the Association of the Arts Awards and would like to challenge each of you to submit a project in one of the many divisions available. To encourage your participation, I will personally donate \$5 to the State Project, for each submittal.

Being the math master's, I know you are, if 20 submittals come in, I donate \$100. I

would LOVE to donate even more!!

You should find the Association of the Arts Entry Form in your chapter folder. You will see options from all types of art, needlework, literature, and Masterpieces of unfinished projects, goof-ups and flops!

**Association of the Arts Form can be found at the end of the newsletter.**





### *State Project Report, Beth Sherron*

Since the quilt project raised over \$500, I will be making another quilt to raffle off at convention in May, 2024. I have put a copy of the picture and raffle tickets to each chapter folder. The raffle is the same, but different. The ticket price is 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20. The different part is I have made 2 quilts with the same pattern one is polar bears and penguins and other is dragonflies. The winner will be able to choose which one they would like.

Please remember the state project with your chapter donations and complete the forms for your chapter's donation for the Theresa Morris State Project Award which is on the state website.

I want to thank Alpha Nu and Delta Sigma chapters for each adopting a family from ASK for Christmas. I have first hand knowledge of the generous donations from Delta Sigma. I met Katrina one Saturday in December in Fredericksburg and delivered their gifts to the office in Richmond on Tuesday. The back of my jeep was so full I couldn't see out the back. It was beautiful!!!! When I delivered the gifts from my jeep club donation on Thursday, I saw the great big pile of gifts from Alpha Nu delivered by Mindy Boyd and Theresa Morris that morning. What a blessing for these families!!!! If your chapters would be interested in adopting a family next December, let me know and I will get you in touch with the office staff working on this project.

I have a question and I want your thoughts please!!!! Is anyone currently working with Special Love in the Winchester area? The reason I am asking is the past three (3) years we have collected approximately \$3,000. Before, we would split between the two organizations because ASK was mainly in Richmond and Special Love was in Northern Virginia. Now, because of funding from the state budget for ASK they have extended all across the state. I

would just like to hear any members feedback whether we want to continue to split the smaller amounts to each organization, or choose one that serves the entire state. It is in our bylaws that the funds will be equally divided until a change is requested.

I heard from one member that Special Love does help kids all across the state and she would like to continue it. I heard from another member that Special Love has not let us participate with any activities at the camp like we use to. I checked with Amy the executive director and they send some of their kids to camp.

If you have any questions, please contact me and I will get the answers for you if I don't know.



You choose your prize! If you win the raffle, you will pick one of these two quilts. If you are not going to convention, write your choice on the back of the ticket.

Raffle tickets for 2023-2024 State Project

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Drawing at 2024 VSC Convention in May 2024

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### *ESA Foundation Report, Beth Sherron*

**Scholarships:** Thank you for all the work that you have done promoting scholarships this season. The applications are currently in the hands of the judges – the results will be announced in time for IC convention.

**IC Convention:** ESAF Board of Directors is preparing for IC Convention coming up in July in Kansas City. We hope that everyone can join us there, at our two events: the ESAF Fund Fest, and our Annual Membership Meeting. Foundation Fund Fest: The Foundation Fund Fest at IC convention will be held on Tuesday night, July, 9th. The theme will once again be “Under the Big Top” with games and prizes. As in prior years, they are asking for states to bring a “basket” or similar item for the oral action. Gift cards, whether in baskets, purses or some other unique display, are always well received. I am sure Marie would appreciate any gift card donations you could make.

**Pathways Project:** The Pathways Project is a way to recognize and/or memorialize someone. This would be an excellent way to honor your State President, while also helping the Foundation. Please see the full description and options at: [https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/about/ESA Foundation/contribute/Pathway](https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/about/ESA%20Foundation/contribute/Pathway). Check out the upcoming issue of the Membership Newsletter for an article featuring a recent Pathways Project donor – Charlotte Carloni. **Pathway:** Build a pathway to a brighter future and celebrate special ESA Foundation or ESA members, community volunteers, or other special people with your gift to the Pathway Program. Your donations will pave the way to a brighter future for our organization, those who follow in our path, and all we serve. VIRTUAL BRICK\* OPTIONS \*not a physical brick LIGHT BLUE (\$25): Certificate RED (\$50): Certificate and 1 Fund Fest game ticket LIGHT GREEN (\$100): Certificate and 2 Fund Fest game tickets FOREST GREEN (\$150): Certificate and 3 Fund Fest game tickets DARK BLUE (\$250): Certificate and 4 Fund Fest game tickets or ESA Foundation merchandise PURPLE (\$500): Certificate, ESA Foundation merchandise, and company logo included at the ESA International Council Convention PURPLE & GOLD (\$1,000): Certificate, ESA Foundation merchandise, and cocktail hour with ESA Foundation Board of Directors

**Endowments:** In addition to supporting endowments, please consider donating to the grant fund. Grants go to supporting non-traditional / non-college awards for continuing education and often support those looking to advance in their careers. Please encourage folks to use

the turnaround funds when disbursing their chapter funds. This is an easy way to support the Foundation. One example of a grant recipient is Mona Quaid Johnston! Mona is a 40-year ESA member and is from Wilburton, Oklahoma. Mona recently received a Career Enhancement Grant for EMDR training in rural Southeast Oklahoma. As a licensed Professional Counselor, Mona offers services to a variety of clients who have undergone trauma. Children who have suffered trauma, adolescents, adults, and recently the need has arisen to offer training to “First Responders” for trauma they have witnessed. Mona received a call from the Latimer County Sheriff and was asked if she would be willing to have therapy sessions with his First Responders who had ‘worked’ a teen suicide. Of course, the answer was yes, and she had the opportunity to help these First Responders who were First on the Scene. As they described their involvement, her mind went to the needs of others in her community that the EMDR training would benefit from due to the trauma these young men had undergone. Mona realized the need for this training did not only come from this need, but also for others who have been traumatized especially children who have been abused, mostly by parents, and have been placed in Guardianship Placement. EMDR stands for Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing. It is very common around the world and is based on how your brain stores and retrieves trauma memories. EMDR is used by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense as a ‘best practice’ in treating a

**Voting** for ESA Foundation elections will be held electronically. To be sure you receive your ballot, your current email address must be on file. To check your email address, go to the ESA website ([https:// epsilonsigmaalpha.org](https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org)), log into the member center, and check the address on your profile. Votes for chapters, councils, and other entities will be sent to the email address of the person listed as President for that chapter/entity. As usual, please use the turnaround funds when disbursing your chapter funds to a 501C3. The form is on the ESA website. If you have problems get it let me know and I will email a copy of it.

Thank you for your support of the Foundation.



# PATHWAY PROGRAM

*A fundraiser to support the ESA Foundation*



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EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA

**LIGHT BLUE**  
VIRTUAL BRICK

\$25

**RED**  
VIRTUAL BRICK

\$50

**LIGHT GREEN**  
VIRTUAL BRICK

\$100

**FOREST GREEN**  
VIRTUAL BRICK

\$150

**DARK BLUE**  
VIRTUAL BRICK

\$250

**PURPLE**  
VIRTUAL BRICK

\$500

**PURPLE & GOLD**  
VIRTUAL BRICK

\$1,000

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Build a pathway to a brighter future and celebrate special ESA Foundation or ESA members, community volunteers, or other special people with your gift to the Pathway Program. Your donations will pave the way to a brighter future for our organization, those who follow in our path, and all we serve.

## VIRTUAL BRICK\* OPTIONS

\*Not a physical brick

**LIGHT BLUE (\$25):** Certificate

**RED (\$50):** Certificate and 1 Fund Fest game ticket

**LIGHT GREEN (\$100):** Certificate and 2 Fund Fest game tickets

**FOREST GREEN (\$150):** Certificate and 3 Fund Fest game tickets

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## ESA FOUNDATION PATHWAY DONATION FORM

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(Donor's Name if Chapter Donation)

Credit this donation to: ☐ an Individual ☐ a Chapter

ESA Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter/Council Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter/Council #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Name for Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Message for Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

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### *Alpha Omega, submitted by Jane Parrish*

At the March meeting we decided we needed more than a Christmas bag for the Shenandoah Agency on Aging . We needed to do more so we added Easter. Our January meeting got cancelled due to weather so when we met in February we brought our lunch and stayed all afternoon for a Game Day after the meeting. We bought items for the Hurst House, a facility for family to visit and have snacks and sleep while a member is in the hospital. It is a home next to the hospital. We also brought items for the Fridge on Cameron Street where those in need of food can access it for

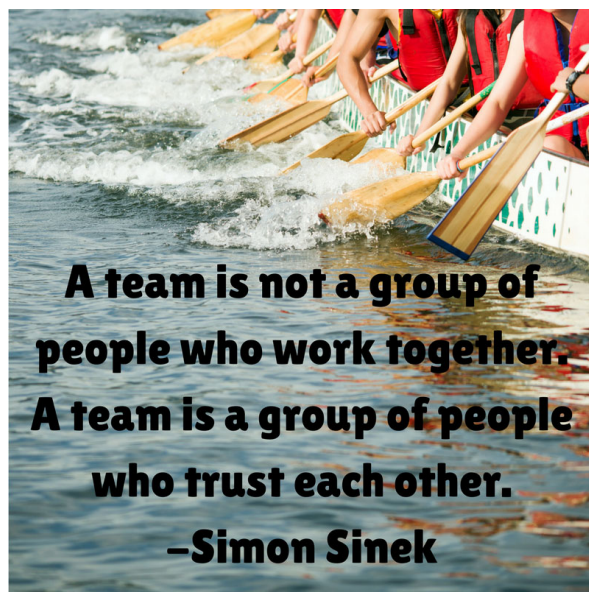
free. We went to the home of the Philanthropic Chairman to make Country ham sandwiches for over 200 people as our fundraiser in March. We will bring food for our Fridge again in April.

### *Delta Sigma, submitted by Sheen Childress*

Happy Spring from Delta Sigma! The winter months have been calm for our Delta Sigma members but we're all looking forward to spring flowers, warmer weather, and more time with our ESA members. Katrina and Sheen traveled to Richmond for the Spring VSC meeting and Beta Sigma's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was so nice to see everyone and celebrate such a special event. Congratulations Beta Sigma!

Suzanne and Mike are getting ready to travel to Texas next month to observe the total solar eclipse. Can't wait to hear about their experience!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Convention in May.



*Beta Kappa, submitted by Deana Renn*

2024 has Beta Kappa off and running! We have begun planning the 2025 VSC convention and could not be more excited! In the midst of the party planning, we have been embracing our friendship words of the month that make us "Stronger Together" which is our theme for the year. January brought us "inspiration" through music. Members taught us new songs that inspire cheer, sweet memories, or just a good dance move. February was "understanding". We took turns adopting a trait of another member and understanding how people view our talents was heartfelt. March was "lucky". Not only are we lucky every month to be together, we learned some amazing stories of how luck has changed our lives. Finding that lost piece of jewelry, the traffic jam which saved us being part of the accident, and so many more! All three of these

words created a foundation of friendship that is truly making us as a chapter "Stronger Together". The fun didn't stop at our meetings either! We have collected books and donated them to a local private school/daycare. We are running an online Pampered Chef party for Easter Seals. We had a chapter fundraising event through a yard sale - or should say garage sale since it was pouring down rain! The 2024 St. Jude Dreamhome Giveaway has also begun! This is an honorary year for the Hampton Roads Dreamhome in that it is the 25th year! Groundbreaking and Floor Signing are complete! Tickets go on sale this week! The Spring VSC meeting is always a great time seeing our friends from across the State and celebrating with them! Beta Kappa is truly embracing Good works, Good friends, Good times!



*Beta Sigma, submitted by Susan Caldwell*

Wow! Beta Sigma had a busy, successful Spring! Monthly Zoom Business Meetings and Educational, Social Events, Philanthropic Events, and Planning Sessions took up much of our time. Each event highlighted "Serving with Your Talents," President Susan's theme for the year.

Each month, we participate in a food distribution event for the Chesterfield County Food Bank. Marie's husband Doug, and granddaughters, Ruby and Sophie, always show up to help us and do a great job!

In January, we hosted our annual virtual Trivia Event for VSC State Project raising \$503.00. Here's Susan's Team with Judy joining by Zoom.



Marie and Susan attended the St. Jude Dream Home Groundbreaking and Luncheon. If you didn't blink, you may have seen us on NBC 12 hoisting our golden shovels.

Touchdown! Members and guests gathered in February at Susan Caldwell's home for food and football while raising funds for Tunnels to Towers. The "betting pool" winners had to wear some bling! Mindy won the first quarter, Pam won quarters number 2 and 3, and Judy won quarter 4.



March has been incredibly busy! All members attended the VSC Spring Meeting and then we hosted Beta Sigma's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Thanks to all VSC members who stayed to help us celebrate.



Marie and Susan helped with the set-up of our Dream Home office in preparation for the Kickoff on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

April will bring our bi-annual Yard Sale which raises funds for Easter Seals! Susan's neighborhood hosts the event, and we always have lots of customers, many of whom shop with us at each sale.

In May, we will drink a few margaritas and mint juleps at our combined Cinco de Mayo and Kentucky Derby party hosted by Marie LaDuke. Of course, Beta Sigma is working on our part of the VSC Convention in Harrisonburg. We are preparing our basket for the Silent Auction, helping Marie and Lynne with Installation plans, finalizing details for the Saturday Night Installation and Banquet, working on Registration (Susan and P-nut), the St. Jude Reveal (Susan), and 50/50 sales (Judy). We're so excited that Marie will be installed as VSC President.



*Beta Sigma, submitted by Susan Caldwell*

Many thanks to the VSC members who generously donated to Beta Sigma's Little Hands philanthropic project at the VSC Spring 2024 Meeting. Pam, who spearheaded the project, was so thrilled with all of the donated items--diaper bags filled and filled with baby products and many boxes of diapers. The Little Hands Donation Center was delighted with the surprise delivery!





*Gamma Pi, submitted by Beverley Wright*

It has certainly been a long time since September. A lot has happened since the Fall Leadership and VSC Meeting but these old girls (and one not so old) are still shuffling along!

First – update on Amanda ... Amanda is progressing very well at this time. She received some Botox injections the first part of January and the improvement in her right leg insofar as little to no spasticity was almost immediate. Working with out-patient Physical Therapy two times a week has resulted in her being able to regain her ability to walk with her cane (and a little help). We are hoping that continued therapy will get her back to the point of being able to walk on her own and climb stairs. She has a follow-up appointment at UVA on March 7 with neuro so here's praying her MRI scan is picture perfect!

We supported several organizations/causes over the past several months including the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, the Food Pantry, Alzheimer's Association, Apple Tree Project (purchasing Christmas gifts for children whose parent(s) are incarcerated), many local school booster clubs and sports organizations, St. Jude, the ESA Disaster Fund, and several veteran's groups.

One of the most rewarding projects we just completed was serving a meal to the homeless in the Staunton/Augusta County area last Saturday evening. Central United Methodist Church provided a warm space to house the homeless as part of the Warm Shelter project, where area churches provide space for a week or two and organizations provide dinner, breakfast, and lunch. Brenda and I did all the cooking for the dinner of roasted pork loins, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and dessert and Brenda and Jim put together a light breakfast of muffins/fruit and lunch sandwiches, chips and dessert which are taken with them when they leave every morning by 7 a.m. We enlisted some help from friends and family and were blessed to have been able to bring some warmth, nutrition, and care within the community. We

served 45 – 50 people and it is humbling to be faced with the fact that there are so many people who have nowhere to sleep, especially in these cold winter months.

We had a lot of food left over (because you know that we always want to ensure there is more than enough) and took it to Station 1 Staunton Fire Department for the men and women who work overnight. So...two (2) blessings in one meal!

Looking forward to seeing a lot of you in Richmond next month. Brenda and I will be traveling down on Saturday morning and staying to celebrate with Beta Sigma. Until then ... may God bless you all with good health and tender mercies!



From L to R: Beverley Wright, Brenda Orebaugh, Will Wright, Darlene Yeago, Jim Orebaugh

Warm Shelter Feeding the Homeless,  
February 17, 2024

# BREAKING NEWS

## VSC 2025 CONVENTION

Due to a change of plans, Beta Kappa will be hosting the 2025 convention in Harrisonburg, VA at the Hotel Madison. What is it they say about three times a charm?

Mark the dates:

2025 Convention  
May 16—18, 2025  
Hotel Madison  
Harrisonburg, VA

## 2024 VSC Convention Information

### ***VSC Convention 2024, submitted by Beth Sherron and Pam Smith***

We are looking forward to “Celebrating Virginia” on May 17, 18 and 19, 2024. The Hotel Madison in Harrisonburg, Virginia is excited that we are coming back for a second year.

Friday afternoon starts with meeting with Susan Caldwell and her committee at registration and Theta Mu with start the weekend of celebration with the Friday night mixer and dinner.

Saturday will start with workshops and meetings with Priscilla Browning presiding over the convention with IC Parliamentarian Brenda Campbell ([Brendacampbell040@gmail.com](mailto:Brendacampbell040@gmail.com)) from Indiana and SERC Treasurer, Kelli Thornberry ([kjthornberry@yahoo.com](mailto:kjthornberry@yahoo.com)) from Kentucky will be giving us updates during the meeting.

Lunch we will celebrate the history of the Virginia with the Past Presidents’ Auxiliary luncheon.

Saturday night Beta Sigma members are planning the celebration with the installation of Marie LaDuke and her new board. After a wonderful dinner we will celebrate with Susan Caldwell with the St. Jude totals for this year. Sunday morning, after we celebrate the members we have lost this year, Alpha Delta and Richmond Alpha Nu members will plan breakfast for us, then celebrate the achievements of this year with Lisa Hale, Awards Director.

There will be some special baskets celebrating Virginia for you to bid on and there will also be a 50/50 raffle. Registration for the entire weekend is \$155. The form is included with this article and can also be found on the

Virginia state website. Guests, Friday & Saturday nights meals, is set at \$80.

The hotel has been generous and the rooms rates are the same as last year \$144 plus taxes. Please make your reservation with them since they are comping us two nights depending on the numbers of rooms reserved. Here is the link to the reservations or call hotel at (540)564-0200

<https://reservations.travelclick.com/110365?groupID=4000979>

The Richmond chapters Alpha Delta, Richmond members of Alpha Nu, Beta Sigma and Theta Mu are looking forward to everyone coming to Harrisonburg to “Celebrate Virginia” in May!!!

### **Ads for the VSC Convention Brochure**

If you would like to purchase a page to support your candidate, tell your chapter president what a great job she did this year, or just to make someone’s day we have a place for you to do that!!!!

For \$75 you can have a full color page in the brochure.

\$40 for a half page & \$25 for a quarter page.

**Please send your artwork ready to print to Beth Sherron at [bethsherron@verizon.net](mailto:bethsherron@verizon.net) no later than April 15, 2024.**

Thank you for your support on this project.



## **"CELEBRATING VIRGINIA"**



2024 Virginia State Council Convention

May 17-19, 2024

Hotel Madison, 710 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

(540) 564-0200

Room Rate: \$144.00 + tax

<https://reservations.travelclick.com/110365?groupID=4000979>

Virginia State Council-ESA block of rooms expire on April 15, 2024

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter & # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ VSC Elected Officer

\_\_\_\_\_ VSC Appointed Officer

\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter President

\_\_\_\_\_ Voting Delegate

\_\_\_\_\_ First Convention

\_\_\_\_\_ Member-At-Large

Convention Registration      Member      \$155.00      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

   Guest      \$ 80.00      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Postmarked After April 15<sup>th</sup> Late Fee \$ 30.00      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Any form postmarked after May 1 or on-site registrations will not be accepted unless the attendee has given the convention chair 7 days prior notice (May 10). Cost will be an additional \$30.00 (original late fee + \$10) for both member and guest(s).

The registration fee for members includes 4 meals (Friday night, Saturday lunch, Banquet and Sunday Brunch), all meeting room usage, and printed materials). The registration fee for guests includes 2 meals (Friday night & Saturday banquet). A cash bar will be available on Friday and Saturday nights.

Make checks payable to **2024 VSC Convention** and mail check and registration form to  
**Susan Caldwell, 13932 Krim Point Way, Midlothian, VA 23114**

For questions, please contact Beth Sherron, 804-745-0705, [bethsherron@verizon.net](mailto:bethsherron@verizon.net) or Pam Cook Smith, 804-312-7279 [gogopam1@msn.com](mailto:gogopam1@msn.com) or Susan Caldwell, 804-690-6378 [susancaldwellva@comcast.net](mailto:susancaldwellva@comcast.net).

## 2024 VSC Convention Information

### **Catherine Gorham Association of the Arts Entry Form**

Name	Member #
Chapter	Chapter #
Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Home #	Email Address

Div	Categories	# of Entries
1	Fine Arts - Oil Painting or Acrylics (a)	
	Fine Arts - Drawings: Pastel or Charcoal (b)	
	Fine Arts - Watercolors (c)	
	Fine Arts - Sculpture (d)	
2	Literature - Poetry (a)	
	Literature - Short Story or Humorous Essay (b)	
3	Visual Arts - Calligraphy (Mounted or framed for display) (a)	
	Visual Arts - Photography (Black & White or Color, Mounted or framed for display) (b)	
4	Folk Art - Pottery (a)	
	Folk Art - Tole Painting (b)	
	Folk Art - China Painting (c)	
	Folk Art - Doll Painting (d)	
	Folk Art - Ceramics (e)	
	Folk Art - Wood Carving (f)	
	Folk Art - Weaving (g)	
	Folk Art - Hooking (h)	
	Folk Art - Knitting (i)	
	Folk Art - Crocheting (j)	
	Folk Art - Latch Hooking (k)	
	Folk Art - Metalsmithing (Copper, Tin or Brass) (l)	
	Folk Art - Miscellaneous (m) (please describe on back of form)	
5	Wearable Art - Sewing (a)	
	Wearable Art - Fabric Painting (b)	
	Wearable Art - Miscellaneous (c) (please describe on back of form):	
6	Holiday Art - Ornaments (a)	
	Holiday Art - Decorations (b)	
7	Fine Needlework (hand or machine) - Crewel (a)	
	Fine Needlework (hand or machine) - Embroidery (b)	
	Fine Needlework (hand or machine) - Counted Cross Stitch (c)	
	Fine Needlework (hand or machine) - Needlepoint (d)	
	Fine Needlework (hand or machine) - Quilting (e)	
	Fine Needlework (hand or machine) - Miscellaneous (f) (please describe):	
8	Original Masterpieces ( Must be entered as is. Include description & circumstances)	
	Original Masterpieces - Goof-ups (a)	
	Original Masterpieces - Unfinished projects (b)	
	Original Masterpieces - Flops (c)	
9	Chapter Crafted Project	
<b>Total Number of Entries</b>		

All items should be brought to the VSC Convention with the exception of Literature entries. Entry Forms and Literature entries should be submitted to the current Association of the Arts Chairman no later than April 15.

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